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APPARATUS ADOPTING HIGH-
FREQUENCY INVERTER DRIVING
METHOD, AND COMPACT SELF-
BALLASTED FLUORESCENT LAMP
EQUIPPED WITH SUCH FLUORESCENT-
LAMP DRIVING APPARATUS

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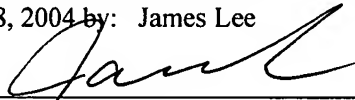
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U.S. Patent No. 6,600,272
U.S. Patent No. 5,828,170
Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 2002-075010
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Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 2003-208802
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Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 2002-075012 w/English abstract

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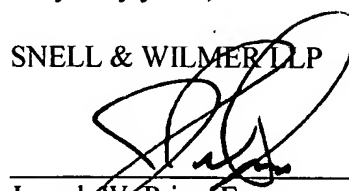


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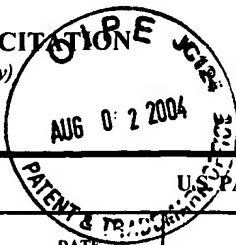
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,600,272	7-29-03	Matsui et al.			
		5,828,170	10-27-98	Nishio et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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		2002-075010	15.03.2002	Japan (see USP 6,600,272)			✓	
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		2002-075012	15.03.2002	Japan w/English abstract			✓	

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